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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

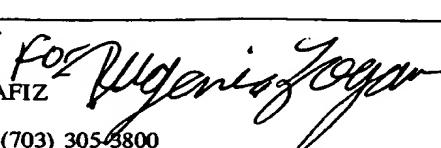
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:pages 1-35, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____ the claims:pages NONE, as originally filedpages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19pages NONE, filed with the demandpages 36-39, filed with the letter of 07 MARCH 2000 the drawings:pages 1-4, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____ the sequence listing part of the description:pages NONE, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages NONE the claims, Nos. 11-15 the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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**Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>2-5 and 7-10</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1 and 6</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1 and 6 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Cheng et al., EP 0 811 942 A2. Cheng et al. clearly teaches of setting minimum and maximum versions of installed software for clients; defining contents of software version upgrade kits from the minimum and maximum versions of the installed software, wherein the upgrade kits comprise of files, actions, and an upgrade wizard to upgrade one or more software components from one version to another version; and writing the contents of the software version upgrade kits to a data base as a table of contents, wherein the table shows the contents of an upgrade kit and components are required by a corresponding upgrade (see Figures 13(a)-13(e) and page 13).

Cheng et al. also teach of instantiating an application on the client computer; verifying that currently running software components are up-to-date; interrogating installed software on the client to determine the installed versions on the client with respect to up-to-date components; and comparing the table of contents of software version upgrade kits to software installed on the client to determine software version upgrade kits needed to be invoked on the client to effect upgrades from a currently installed software version to a required software version (see pages 6 and 10).

Cheng et al. further discloses building the software upgrade kits from the table of contents; downloading copies of the software upgrade kits from the server to a client to be upgraded; creating a backup of local files before applying the upgrade(s); invoking an upgrade wizard to upgrade software on the client, wherein the upgrade wizard reads a list of upgrade kit items to be performed for the software version upgrade from a driver file an a list of upgrades to be run and the state of each upgrade from a state file; and after upgrading the software on the client, restarting the original program that invoked the upgrade (see pages 6, 11 and 17).

Claims 2 and 7 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Cheng et al., EP 0 811 942 A2, in view of Iwamoto et al, US Patent No. 5,715,462. Cheng et al. teaches of upgrading a software system (see claim 1 above) and (Continued on Supplemental Sheet.)

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(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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I. BASIS OF REPORT:

5. (Some) amendments are considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed:
NONE

V. 2. REASONED STATEMENTS - CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS (Continued):

tracking upgrades (see page 17), but fails to explicitly disclose a method of rolling changes in the event of an error.

Iwamoto et al. discloses tracking the progress of the upgrade, rolling-back changes when an error occurs, instantiating the backed-up local files and restarting the upgrade from a save point (see Figure 4 and column 5, lines 18-55, rolling back of changes in the event of an error).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to add error recovery to the installation system of Cheng et al. to provide a means for reverting a software package in the event that a upgrade was unsuccessful.

Claims 3 and 8 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Cheng et al., EP 0 811 942 A2, in view of Kirouac et al, US Patent No. 5,155,847. Cheng et al. teaches of a software upgrading system (see claim 1 above), but fails to explicitly address a monitoring the progress of a software upgrade.

Kirouac et al. discloses a method of monitoring the progress of an upgrade on a client from a server (see Figure 2(b) and Column 9, lines 34-63, server verification functions).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Cheng et al.'s method of upgrading with Kirouac et al.'s method of monitoring the server side installation to maintain an efficient verification means which substantiates the progress of installation.

Claims 4, 5, 9 and 10 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Cheng et al., EP 0 811 942 A2, in view of Siebel Systems, "Siebel Systems: Siebel announces production shipment of Siebel Enterprise Applications Version 3.0". Cheng et al teaches of a software upgrading system (see claim 1 above), but fails to explicitly address downloading upgrade kits and upgrading databases.

As per claims 4 and 9, Siebel Systems discloses downloading one or more upgrade kits to a client during docking, before the client requires the upgrade and installing the upgrade subsequent to docking (see page 1, automating remote software upgrades through the use of "Siebel Anywhere"). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Cheng et al.'s method of upgrading with Siebel Systems's method for allowing the downloading of upgrade kits during docking for subsequent upgrading, to expand upgrade capabilities to include more remote accessibility.

As per claims 5 and 10, Siebel Systems discloses a program code for upgrading database schema resident on the client computer (see page 2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to combine Cheng et al.'s method of upgrading with Siebel Systems's method for upgrading database schema, to further expand upgrade capabilities and provide a more efficient tool.

Claims 1-10 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), because the ability to upgrade software on client computers from a server computer has use in the network computer field.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

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We claim:

1. A method of distributing and installing software upgrades on a client computer in a client server system comprising:

setting minimum and maximum versions of installed software for clients;

5 defining contents of software version upgrade kits from the minimum and maximum versions of the installed software, the software version upgrade kits comprising files, actions, and an upgrade wizard to upgrade one or more software components from one version to another version;

10 writing the contents of the software version upgrade kits to a database as a table of contents, said table of contents showing the contents of an upgrade kit and which software components are required by a corresponding upgrade;

instantiating an application on the client computer;

verifying that software components for the currently running program are up-to-date;

15 if any software component in the currently running program is not up-to-date, interrogating other installed software on the client to determine the installed versions on the client;

20 comparing the table of contents of software version upgrade kits to software installed on the client to determine software version upgrade kits needed to be invoked on the client to effect upgrades from a currently installed software version to a required software version;

building the software upgrade kits from the table of contents;

downloading copies of the software upgrade kits from the server to a client to be upgraded;

25 creating a backup of local files before applying the upgrade;

invoking an upgrade wizard to upgrade software on the client, said upgrade wizard reading a list of upgrade kit items to be performed for the software version upgrade from a driver file and a list of upgrades to be run and the state of each upgrade from a state file, and performing the upgrades; and

5 after upgrading the software on the client, restarting the original program that invoked the upgrade.

2. The method of claim 1 tracking the progress of an upgrade, rolling back changes when an error occurs, instantiating the backed up local files, and restarting the upgrade from a save point.

10 3. The method of claim 1 comprising monitoring the progress of a software upgrade on a client from a server.

4. The method of claim 1 downloading one or more upgrade kits to a client before the client requires the upgrade.

15 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the software being upgraded is database management software, and the upgrades further include database schema changes.

20 6. A client-server computer system comprising a server computer and at least one client computer periodically docking with the server computer, said server computer including a database management system and a database thereon, and wherein said database is partially replicated from the server computer to the client computer during docking, said client-server system being configured to apply upgrades to software resident on the client computer from the server computer, said client-server computer system further being configured to:

set minimum and maximum versions of installed software for the client computer;

25 define contents of software version upgrade kits from the minimum and maximum versions of the installed software, the software version upgrade kits comprising files, actions, and an upgrade wizard to upgrade one or more software components from one version to another version;

write the contents of the software version upgrade kits to a database as a table of contents, said table of contents showing the contents of an upgrade kit and which software components are required by a corresponding upgrade;

instantiating a software program on the client;

5 verifying that software components for the currently running program are up-to-date;

if any software component in the currently running program is not up-to-date, interrogating other installed software on the client to determine the installed versions on the client;

10 comparing the table of contents of the software version upgrade kits to the software installed on the client computer to determine software version upgrade kits needed to be downloaded from the server computer to the client computer and invoked on the client computer to effect upgrades from a currently installed software version to a required software version;

15 building the software upgrade kits from the table of contents;

downloading copies of the software upgrade kits from the server computer to the client computer;

creating on the client computer a backup of local files thereon before applying the upgrade;

20 invoking the upgrade wizard to upgrade software on the client, said upgrade wizard reading a list of upgrade kit items to be performed for the software version upgrade from a driver file and a list of upgrades to be run and the state of each upgrade from a state file and performing the upgrades; and

restarting the original software program that invoked the upgrade.

25 7. The client-server computer system of claim 6 further configured to track the progress of an upgrade, roll back changes when an error occurs, instantiate the backed up local files, and restart the upgrade from a save point.

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8. The client-server computer system of claim 6 further configured to monitor the progress of a software upgrade on a client from a server.
9. The client-server computer system of claim 6 further configured to download one or more upgrade kits to a client during docking and before the client requires the upgrade, and install the upgrade subsequent to docking.
- 5 10. The client-server computer system of claim 6 further configured to apply upgrades to software resident on the client computer from the server computer and upgrade database schema resident on the client computer.